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KING- SUSPECT (TOPS 7)

MEXICO CITY (AP)-MEXICAN AUTHORITIES QUESTIONED TODAY A U.S. CITIZEN THEY SAID RESEMBLES THE MAN WANTAD ON A CHARGE OF SLAYING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THEN RELEASED HIM WITHOUT PRESSING ANY CHARGES.

DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY OF BALTIMORE, WHO SAID HE WAS ON A WALKING TOUR OF THE STATE OF SONORA, DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH KING'S DEATH. AN FBI AGENT, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS MR. SMITH, SAID THERE WAS NO RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN KENNEDY AND THE SUSPECT, JAMES EARLY RAY, ACCORDING TO POLICE IN THE CITY OF HERMOSILLO.

LT. ROBERTO FLETCHER OF THE JUDICIAL POLICE IN CABORCA, SONORA, HAD TAKEN KENNEDY INTO CUSTODY FROM A CABORCA HOTEL.

IN BALTIMORE, KENNEDY'S MOTHER, PEARK E. KENNEDY, USAID, "THERE IS JUST NO CONNECTION. HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HIM RAY.

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These comments represent the initial and tentative reaction of the Office of Current Intelligence to the attached item from the news services.

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26 April 1968

KING ASSASSINATION AND USIB

DCI:

A. General:

1. Request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation give a full report to USIB on _____ (date) on the status of the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

B. Specific:

1. Is there any indication that Ray has left the USA?

2. If so, when, to what country or area, and by what means and route?

3. Is there any indication that Ray had in the past travelled outside the United States other than the October - November 1967 trip to Mexico as Galt?

4. Is there any indication that Ray had been issued a U.S. passport under his true name or any of his aliases?

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5. Is there any indication that Ray had any connection with any foreign intelligence service? If so, please provide all possible details.

6. Is there any indication that Ray had any connection with foreigners in the United States, especially Cubans and Soviets?

7. Did Ray have any Communist connections?

8. Did Ray ever express any interest in Communism?

9. Did Ray ever indicate any interest in Cuba, Castro, or the Cuban revolution?

10. Does it appear that Ray had any accomplices? If so, have any been identified?

11. Has the FBI identified any of Ray's close friends or associates?

12. Have any contacts made by Ray in Mexico during October/November 1967 been identified?

13. If any accomplices, associates, or contacts have been identified, are any of them Communists or associated with Communists, foreign officials, or foreign intelligence services?

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14. Does the FBI think that Ray was hired to assassinate King?

15. If so, is there any indication that Communists or a foreign power were involved?

16. Has it been possible to recover and trace the origin of any of the $20 bills used by Ray to purchase the rifle and make other payments?

17. On 19 April 1968 CIA furnished to the FBI photographs [redacted] B

+B-1 of an unknown individual resembling Ray. Has the FBI determined whether or not this person is possibly identical with Ray?

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